बिहार में कार्यरत पी०सी०ओ०

3705. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बिहार में कितने पी०सी०ओ० चालू अवस्था में हैं; और

(ख) बांका के कुल कितने पी०सी०ओ० चालू अवस्था मे है और जो पी०सी०ओ० चालू नहीं है वे कब तक चालू होंगे?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ): (क) बिहार में चालू अवस्था मे कार्यरत पी०सी०ओ० की संख्या 23,014 है।

(ख) बांका में चालू अवस्था में कार्यरत पी०सी०ओ० की संख्या 244 है। खराब पड़े हुए पी०सी०ओ० की आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं के साथ वार्षिक मैनुअल कन्ट्रैक्ट करके प्राथमिकता आधार पर यथाशीघ्र मरम्मत के लिए उपाय शुरू किए गए हैं।

Permanent disconnection of Telephones

3706. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone subscribers under Vasant Vihar Exchange, New Delhi whose telephones disconnected permanently during October, 1997, till date;

(b) the number of such persons who have applied for refund of amount on account of permanent disconnection alongwith number of those whose claims were returned for want of necessary formalities;

(c) the time limit for disposing of such claims and whether all the claims were settled within the stipulated time; and

(d) by when, all the pending claims will be settled and what disciplinary action is being taken against concerned officials of M.T.N.L. Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) There are 120 such subscribers.

(b) Number of persons who have applied for refund is 104 and the number of persons whose claims were returned for want of necessary formalities is 68.

(c) Such claims are to be disposed of within 60 days. The cases where subscriber completed formalities were settled within stipulated time.

(d) The pending cases will be settled as soon as subscribers complete the formalities.

In view of above, no disciplinary action

Non-operational State of STD code allotted to Nalanda

3707. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nalanda had been allotted STD code long ago;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this STD code has not been made operational so far and for dialing telephone number under Nalanda exchange from outside one has to use STD code for Bihar Sharif;

(c) if so, the justification of allotment of a STD to Nalanda;

(d) the main reasons for non-operational State of the above; and

(e) by when, it would be made operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) STD code 06119 has been allotted to Fajgir SDCA and Nalanda exchange falls in Rajgir Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA). Accordingly, STD code allotted to Fajgir will also be applicable for Nalanda.

(d) At present Nalanda Exchange is parented to Bihar Sharif exchange on Underground cable and no transmission media is available betweeen Nalanda and